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1. TOTAL VALUE OF USG SUPPORT FOR REFUGEES LAST YEAR (I.E. FY 1974) WAS DOLS. 322,889,286 OF WHICH DOLS. 304,446,286 WAS IN DOLLAR CONTRIBUTIONS AND DOLS. 18,443,000 IN PL 480 CONTRIBUTIONS (EXCLUSIVE OF OCEAN OR INLAND FREIGHT COSTS AVERAGING AT LEAST 30 PERCENT).

2. OF TOTAL OF DOLS. 304,446,286 DOLLAR CONTRIBUTIONS, DOLS. 174,256,286 WERE FOR REFUGEES WITHIN UNHCR MANDATE WITH BREAKDOWN AS FOLLOWS: 1) CONTRIBUTION TO ICEM (EXCLUDING LA SELECTIVE MIGRATION PROGRAM) DOLS. 2,522,000; 2) CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNHCR AS FOLLOWS: REGULAR UNCR PROGRAM, DOLS. 1;100,000; FOR KHMER REFUGEES IN VIETNAM, DOLS. 100,000; FOR REFUGEES IN MIDDLE EAST, DOLS. 50,000;
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WORLD PEACE THROUGH LAW, DOLS. 100,000; 3) US REFUGEE

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PROGRAM, DOLS. 2,589,000; 4) REFUGEES EX-USSR, DOLS. 36,500,000; 5) FAR EAST REFUGEE PROGRAM, DOLS. 500,000; 6) SOUTHERN AFRICAN REFUGEE EDUCATION PROGRAM (ZAMBIA), DOLS. 300,000; 7) SOUTHERN AFRICAN STUDENT PROGRAM (US), DOLS. 95,286; 8) CHI EAN REFUGEES, DOLS. 1,400,000; AND 9) CUBAN REFUGEES IN US, DOLS. 129,000,000.

3. US CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNHCR FOR REFUGEES ASSISTED UNDER

"GOOD OFFICES" TOTALLED DOLS.4,410,000 IN FY 1974 OF WHICH DOLS. 10,000 WAS FOR SUDANESE REFUGEES WIT;IN SOUTHERN SUDAN AND DOLS. 4,400,000 WAS FOR PAKISTAN-BANGLADESH REPATRIATION PROGRAM.

4. NON-UNHCR REFUGEE DOLLAR CONTRIBUTIONS IN FY 1974 TOTALLED DOLS. 125,780,000 WITH BREAKDOWN AS FOLLOWS: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WITHIN SOUTH VIETNAM, DOLS.78,380,000; LAOTIAN REFUGEES WITHIN LAOS, DOLS.13,500,000; CAMBODIAN REFUGEES WITHIN CAMBODIA, DOLS. 13,400,000; CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNRWA FOR PALESTINIAN REFUGEES, DOLS. 20,500,000 (NOT INCLUDING DOLLAR VALUE OF PL 480 CONTRIBUTION LISTED BELOW).

5. DOLLAR VALUE OF PL 480 SHIPMENTS IN FY 1974 TOTALLED DOLS. 18,443,000, BREAKDOWN AS FOLLOWS: CONTRIBUTION TO UNRWA, DOLS. 8,900,000; REFUGEES (DISPLACED PERSONS) IN YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC, DOLS. 117,000; IN SUDAN, DOLS.95,000; IN VIETNAM, DOLS 995,000; IN LAOS, DOLS. 3,325,000; REFUGEES FROM BURUNDI IN RWANDA, DOLS. 28,000; CONTRIBUTIONS TO WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (TOTAL DOLS. 4,983,000) FOR REFUGEES FROM BURUNDI IN TANZANIA, DOLS. 521,000 FOR REFUGEES FROM MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA IN ZAMBIA, DOLS. 54,000; FOR DISPLACED PERSONS IN PAKISTAN FROM NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, DOLS. 4,126,000; FOR REFUGEES IN NEPAL FROM SURROUNDING COUNTRIES, DOLS. 282,000.

6. RE PARA 2 REFTEL DEPT. STRONGLY SUPPORTS ASSIGNMENT TO UNHCR OF "GOOD OFFICES" OR OTHER SPECIAL HUMANITARIAN PROGRAMS SUCH AS THOSE IN SUDAN, SUB-CONTINENT, SOUTHEAST ASIA AND CYPRUS (WE CONSIDER CHILEAN REFUGEE PROGRAM AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITHIN UNHCR MANDATE). AS MISSION KNOWS US HAS CONTRIBUTED GENEROUSLY TO SUCH PROGRAMS. DEPT. CONTINUES TO REGARD INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF REFUGEES AS THE UNHCR FUNCTION HAVING PRIMACY OVER ALL OTHER UNHCR ACTIVITIES, AND WE WOULD DEPLORANY EROSION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS FUNCTION AMONG UNHCR PROGRAMS OR OF ITS EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION BY UNHCR. WE HAVE NOT HAD SPECIFIC REASON TO DATE TO CONCLUDE THAT SUCH EROSION HAS

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TAKEN PLACE. WE BELIEVE HOWEVER THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND DESIRABLE TO CONVEY STRONGLY TO THE UNHCR AT THIS TIME OUR CONVICTION AS TO THE OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE OF THE UNHCR FROTECTION MANDATE; AND TO URGE THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO GUARD AGAINST ANY LESSENING OF EMPHASIS ON PROTECTION AS HIS MATERIAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES ARE INCREASED IN SCOPE. THIS WILL BE DONE BY USDEL TO THE 25TH SESSION OF UNHCR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

DURING DISCUSSION BY COMMITTEE OF AGENDA ITEM ON INTER-NATIONAL PROTECTION OR AT USDEL'S DISCRETION, IN CONNECTION INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT BY HIGH COMMISSIONER.
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